

REMARKS

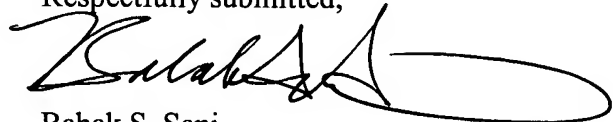
By this amendment claims filed in the original application from which the priority of this application depends have been cancelled and new claims have been added for examination and prosecution. Entrance of this amendment is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the claims presented herein were originally presented in an amendment dated August 18, 2003. Because that amendment was not prepared according to the requirements effective July 31, 2003, this supplemental amendment has been submitted to ensure entrance of the new claims prior to examination. This amendment should, therefore, supercede the amendment dated August 18, 2003.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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